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SUBJECT: CCD: WESTERN GROUP VIEWS ON CCD INFORMALS

REFS: A)GENEVA 10846, B)GENEVA 10989

1. AT WESTERN GROUP MEETING ON JULY 17, U.S. REP (FISHER)
BRIEFED ALLIES ON CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED AND
SOVIETS ON SCHEDULE OF CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS (REFTELS).
WESTERN GROUP INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED
SCHEDULE OF INFORMALS DEVELOPED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN (REF B).

2. CANADIAN REP (JAY) RAISED QUESTION OF HOW THE COMPRE-
HENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTB), WHEN COMPLETED IN THE
TRILATERAL TALKS, WOULD BE HANDLED IN CCD. USREP RESPOND-
ED THAT WE STILL DID NOT KNOW WHEN A CTB AGREEMENT WOULD
BE CONCLUDED, BUT THAT THE NON-ALIGNED HAD CLEARLY IN-
DICATED A WILLINGNESS TO RECONVENE THE CCD IN A SPECIAL
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SESSION IF THE TREATY WERE READY IN THE FALL. NO RESERVA-
TIONS WERE VOICED WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A POSSIBILITY BY
ANY OF THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES. SOME REPS VOICED
CONCERN, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE COMPLICATIONS WHICH MIGHT
ARISE IF THE CTB ENTERED THE MULTILATERAL PHASE JUST BE-
FORE OR AFTER THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT BEGAN MEETING
WITH FRENCH PARTICIPATION.

3. CANADIAN REP QUESTIONED WHEN AN RW INITIATIVE MIGHT BE READY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CCD. USREP REPLIED THAT THE FIRST ROUND HAD BEEN POSTPONED FROM JULY 18 TO JULY 19 BECAUSE OF A DELAY IN THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET EXPERTS, AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF HOW QUICKLY PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AFTER THE ROUND HAD BEGUN.

4. FRG REP (PFEIFFER) ASKED IF U.S. STILL INTENDED NOT TO HAVE ITS EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN THE INFORMALS ON NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. USREP ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM UKREP (ASHE), USREP SAID THAT THUS FAR THE SOVIETS HAD NOT RAISED THEIR "NEUTRON BOMB" PROPOSAL IN THE CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS, BUT THAT THEIR INTENTIONS REGARDING THIS ISSUE REMAINED TO BE SEEN.

5. AMB. FISHER NOTED THAT BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE AUSTRIAN MISSION THAT AN AUSTRIAN EXPERT BE ADMITTED TO THE SEISMIC WORKING GROUP, AND THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN PLANNED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CCD REACT POSITIVELY TO THAT REQUEST.

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